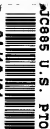


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Washington, D.C. 20231

DATE: April 10, 2001
OUR CASE NO.: 4766-6



Sir:

PATENT APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application (including specification, claims and declaration) of:

Inventor: Yuuji USUI.

For: NETWORK-BASED SALES SYSTEM USING BAR CODES AND OPERATING METHOD
OF THE SAME

- A. Enclosed are:
 Documents: Specification Claims Abstract Declaration
 No. of Pages: [16] [7] [1] [2]
☒ 2 sheets of drawing(s). ☒ Formal ☐ Informal
☒ An assignment to the invention to NEC Corporation
☒ A certified copy of a Japanese No. 2000-117653 application.
☒ Claim for priority under 35 USC 119.
☐ Associate Power of Attorney
☐ Citation of Prior Art.
☐ Preliminary Amendment.
☐ Translation with Translator's Declaration.
☒ Check No. 51045 in the amount of \$ 1,270.00 dated April 10, 2001 is enclosed to cover the ☒ filing fee; and ☒ assignment recording fee Check No. 51046 for \$40.00.
- B. FILING FEE CALCULATION
☐ Before calculating the filing fee, please cancel claims _____.
☐ After adding preliminary amendment claims _____.

SMALL ENTITY STATUS					LARGE BUSINESS RATE	
For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee \$355.00	Rate	Basic Fee \$710.00
Total Claims	18-20	0 X	\$9	=	\$18	= 0
Independent Claims	10-3	7 X	\$40	=	\$80	= 560.00
Multiple Dependency			\$135	=	\$270	= 0
Total Filing Fee						= 710.00
Assignment Recordal Fee						
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Respectfully submitted,
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